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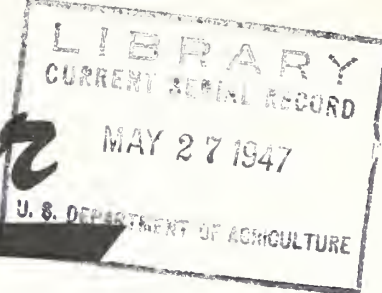
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# Newsletter



## GRADUATE SCHOOL ★ USDA

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### ABOUT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Because of the unique nature and status of the Graduate School, the Department of Agriculture receives from a variety of sources inquiries as to its background and the nature and methods of its operations. One of the most interesting types of inquiries has been from other countries wishing to explore the possibility of organizing a similar agency for their own services. To inform the Presidents and deans of educational institutions in this country of some of the GS services and activities, the U. S. Office of Education carried as the lead article in the March 1, 1947 issue of its Journal of Higher Education an article describing the background, organization and operations of the GS.

The two most recent inquiries have come from a university and from private industry. The Director of the Westinghouse Graduate Study program visited the GS to gain information and exchange ideas. Westinghouse has cooperative programs, leading to advanced degrees, with Penn, Pittsburg, N.Y.U., Brooklyn Polytechnic and Stevens. Westinghouse and the USDA Graduate School have many interests and problems in common, so far as this type of activity is concerned. In late March the President of an outstanding mid-west state university spent three days in Washington consulting with that institutions' local alumni group and securing information as to GS operations.

### IRVING AND STEVENS RECEIVE AWARDS

The physical science award of the Washington Academy of Science has been given to Dr. George W. Irving, Jr. (ARA-AIC) in recognition of his contributions in biochemistry and especially his work on antibiotics in tomato plants. With H.T. Herrick, Dr. Irving organized last falls outstanding seminar on antibiotics which will be issued in book form this summer.

Certificates of appreciation were presented by the War Department on May 7, 1947 to Dr. Henry Stevens (ARA-AIC), Chairman of the Dept. of Physical Sciences, and to Dr. E. J. Coulson (ARA-AIC) for their provision of assistance on allergic reactions which aided at the outset of the war in handling armed forces vaccinations rapidly and in great numbers.

### COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY IS POPULAR

Over 500 photographic "enthusiasts" gathered in Jefferson Memorial Auditorium on April 21 to hear a lecture on Color Photography by Mr. A. C. Shelton, noted color photographer and lecturer. Mr. Shelton, using slides, explained the theory of color photography, including the physical aspects and technical break-down of color behavior.

The lecture, the first in a series, was sponsored by the Graduate School Photo-

## SUMMER PROGRAM

graphic Seminar, an organization of approximately sixty-five members who have completed the GS course on Applied Photography or have professional or amateur interest in photography. Prior to Mr. Shelton's lecture, Mr. Frank Sette, Chairman of the GS Dept. of Technology, and Mr. Elbridge C. Purdy, GS photography instructor, gave brief talks on the activities of the Seminar. Those present were asked to help determine the nature and scope of forthcoming lectures by means of a questionnaire prepared by Mr. Dan Braum.

## BELTSVILLE SURVEY

A summary of its February survey of education needs and interests of USDA employees at Beltsville has been issued by the Beltsville GS Committee chaired by Ralph Hodgson, BDI Assistant Chief. BAE was helpful in tabulating data collected through Committee Members. The survey got a welcome reception and the Committee feels the resulting data are extremely significant. In cooperation with GS subject matter departments it has taken steps to meet the major interests indicated in the survey. A number of courses will be offered at Beltsville next year.

Calls from other Federal agencies for the survey form used by the Committee have grown and have required a second run of the form by SCS.

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN TAKE OFFICE

The appointment of three new department chairmen and reappointments and new appointments to the 1947-49 term for departmental committees were announced by the General Administration Board, effective May 1. The new department chairmen are: Francis B. Brasseur, Chief of Administrative Services, Civil Service Commission - Office Techniques and Operations; Albert H. Moseman, Asst. to Chief of Bureau, ARA-BPISAE - Biological Sciences; and Lester A. Schlup, Director of Information, EXT - Language and Literature. New faces on departmental committees include: A. Rex Johnson (FAR); Virgil L. Couch (FHA); Harry Wexler (Weather Bureau); Duncan Hall (British Supply Office); Foster F. Elliott (BAE); and L. W. Currier (Geological Survey).

Several new courses of wide interest will be available. These include: Shaping and Implementation of U. S. Foreign Policy, by Nelson T. Johnson, Secretary General to the Far Eastern Commission; Analysis and Interpretation of Financial Statements, by L. W. Acker, USDA (Budget & Finance); and Introduction to Sociometry and Psychodrama, by Margaret E. Barron, FSA, Division of Personnel Management.

## PERSONALS

### Overseas Travel

#### To and From England:

To: Duncan Hall (British Supply Office) for a month's trip.

Back: Leslie Wheeler (FAR) - back from the International Wheat Conference.

To Japan: R. L. Webster (INF), Ralph Shaw (LIB) and Kenneth Butler (PMA-LAB) for 60 day assignments with occupation forces, on detail to Japanese Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry.

To Czechoslovakia: E. I. Kotok (FS) soon due back from International Timber Conference at Marianske Lazne, where he served as FAO advisor.

From Japan and India: W. E. Deming (Budget Bureau) has returned from sampling work in India and Japan. He serves on UN's Commission on Sampling.

Around the World: Rex Johnson (FAR) - as a member of State's Examining Board.

### Summer Plans

Clayton E. Whipple (FAR) will present his GS "World Agriculture" course at Utah State.

Margaret E. Barron (FSA) will be on the Research Staff of the Training Laboratory in Group Development, a cooperative project in educational dynamics sponsored by the National Education Association and the Research Center for group dynamics at MIT.

The Newsletter is issued at intervals for information of faculty, committees and others interested. Address all inquiries to Frank Scanlin, Room 1031 (Ext. 4419).